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ULTIMATE ALIEN**



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PREVIOUSLY...

ISLAND INVASION

Just as the Shattered World Crisis rocked the globe, Team Dark went into space to stop an alien invasion. They succeeded in destroying all but one of the aliens – Eclipse – who escaped to Angel Island. His shuttle crash-landed, unnoticed, while Knuckles was abroad.



Now Team Dark has come to Angel Island, hunting Eclipse. Knuckles, ever wary of outsiders, has nonetheless agreed to lead Rouge and Omega into the island's interior to help in their search.

Against his better judgment, Knuckles has allowed Shadow to stay behind and watch the Master Emerald.

But it quickly became clear
**Eclipse wouldn't
wait to be
found...**



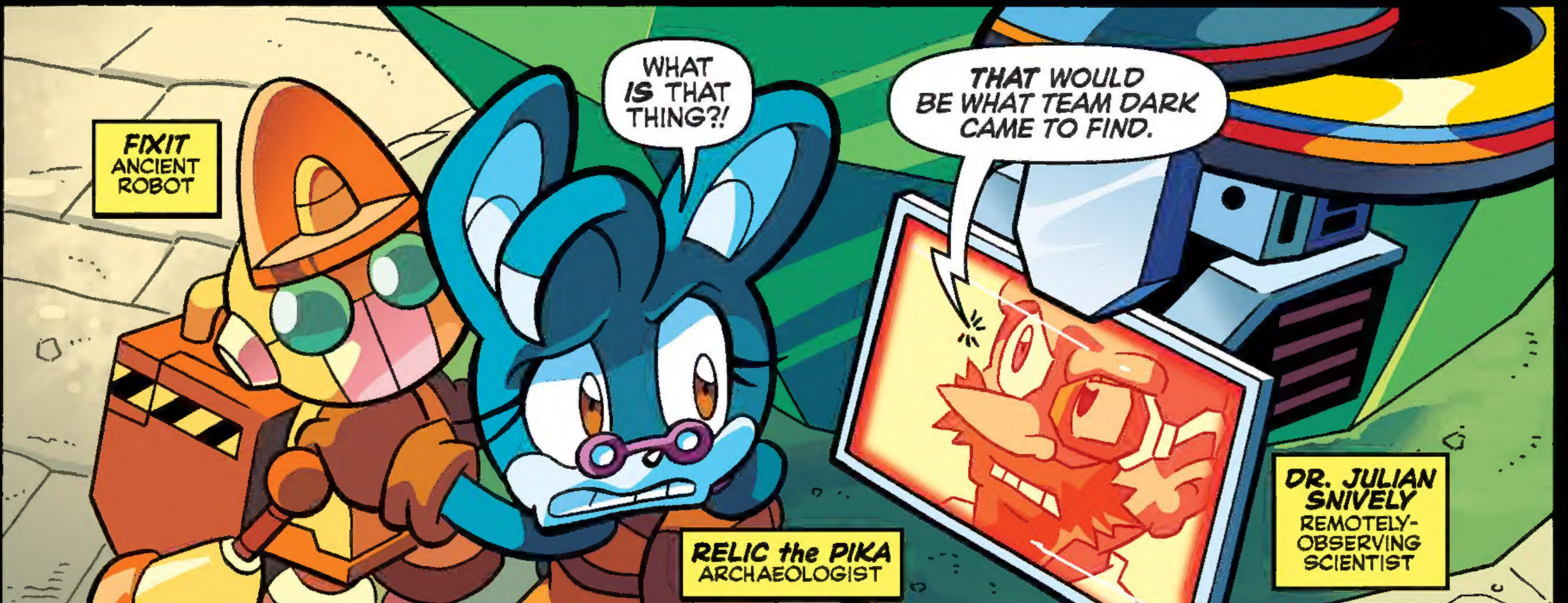
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ANGEL ISLAND

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TOTAL ECLIPSE PART TWO: TIPPING POINT



FIXIT
ANCIENT
ROBOT

WHAT
IS THAT
THING?!

THAT WOULD
BE WHAT TEAM DARK
CAME TO FIND.

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THAT YOU'VE
"FOUND" IT...

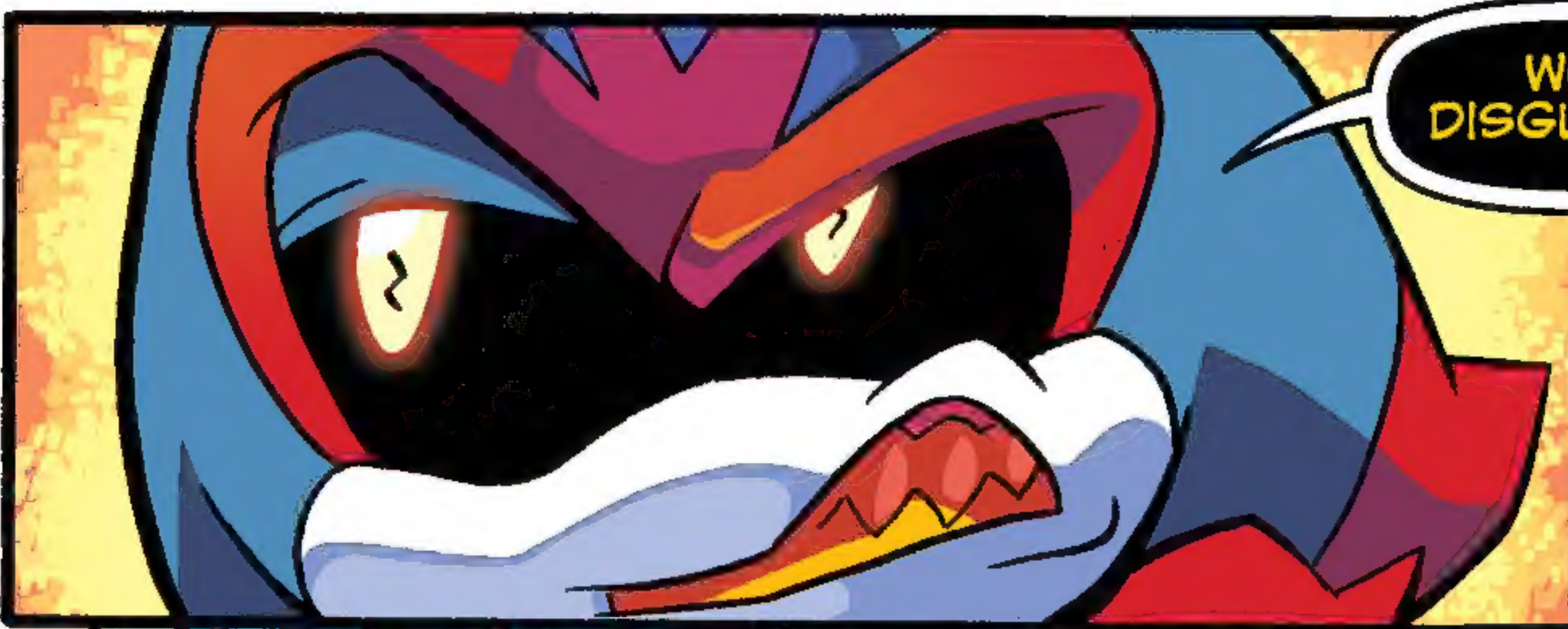
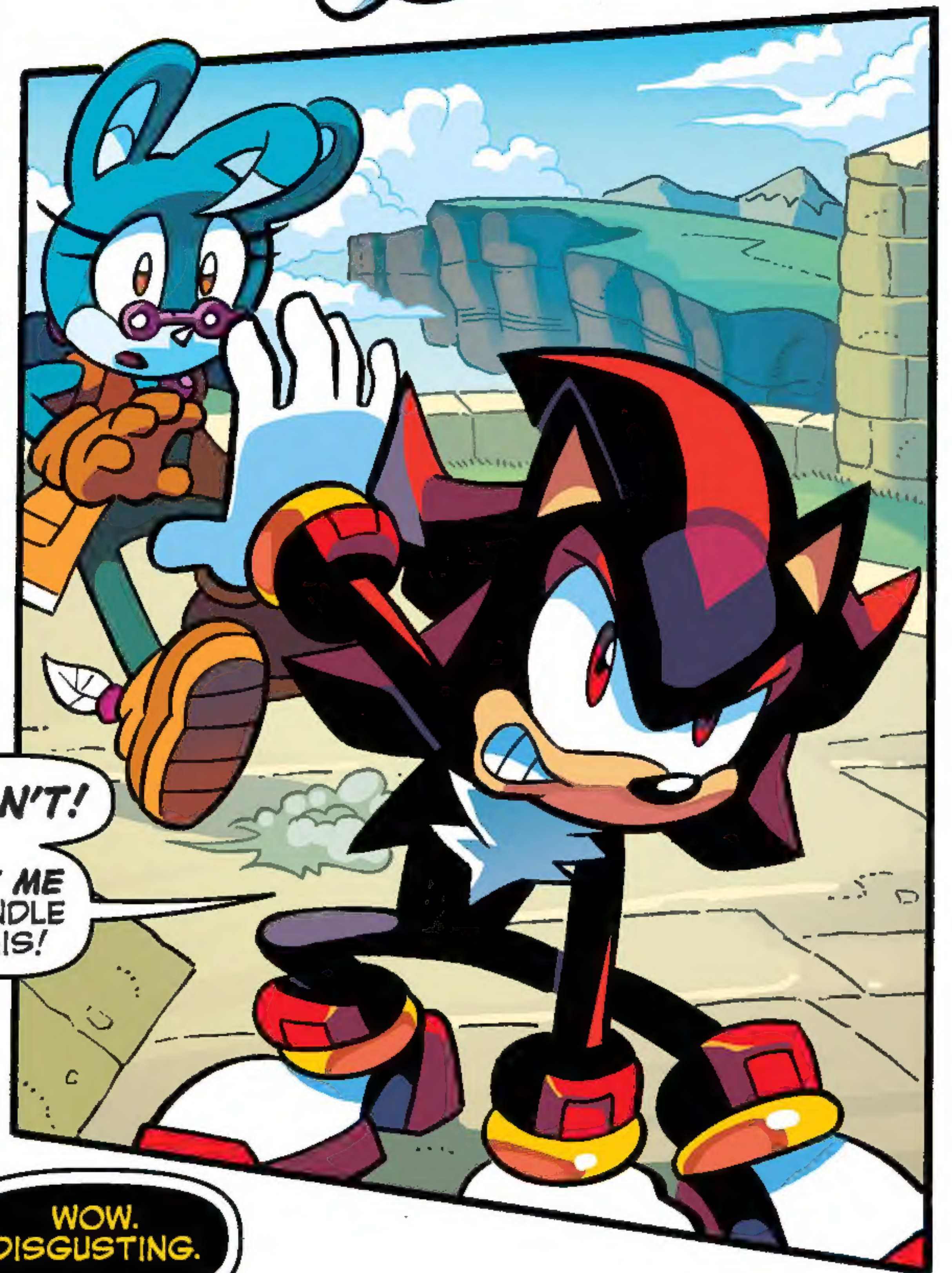
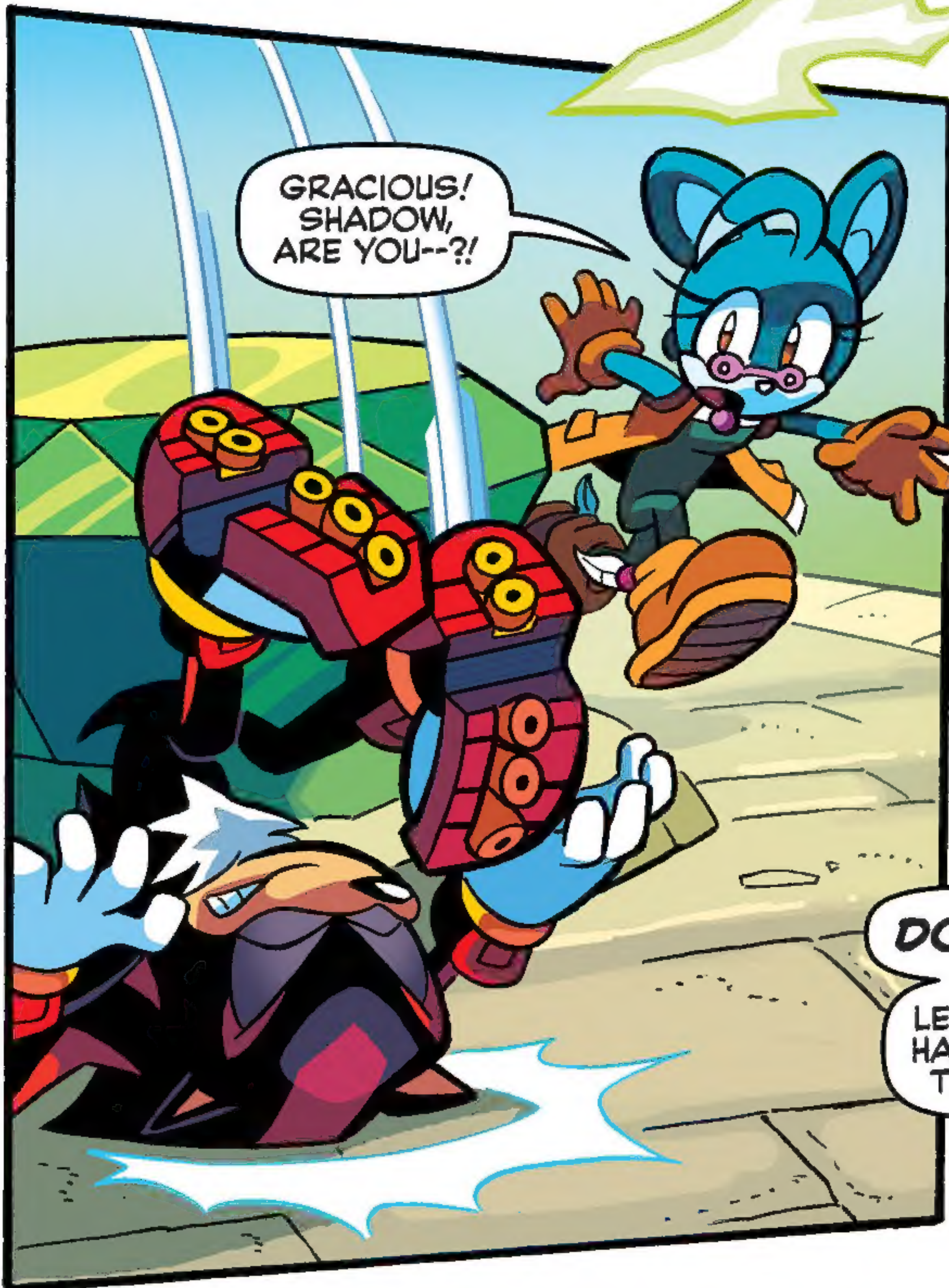
A blue and red alien creature with a large, jagged mouth and glowing eyes, standing on a stone platform. It has a long, curved tail and is looking towards the viewer.

**ECLIPSE the
DARKLING**
VENGEFUL
ALIEN

"...WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO
ABOUT IT?!"

A black hedgehog with red and white stripes on his chest and arms, wearing a red and white visor. He is shown in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose, with his right hand raised and glowing with green energy. He is wearing a red and purple helmet with yellow accents.

**SHADOW the
HEDGEHOG**
GRIM
PROTECTOR



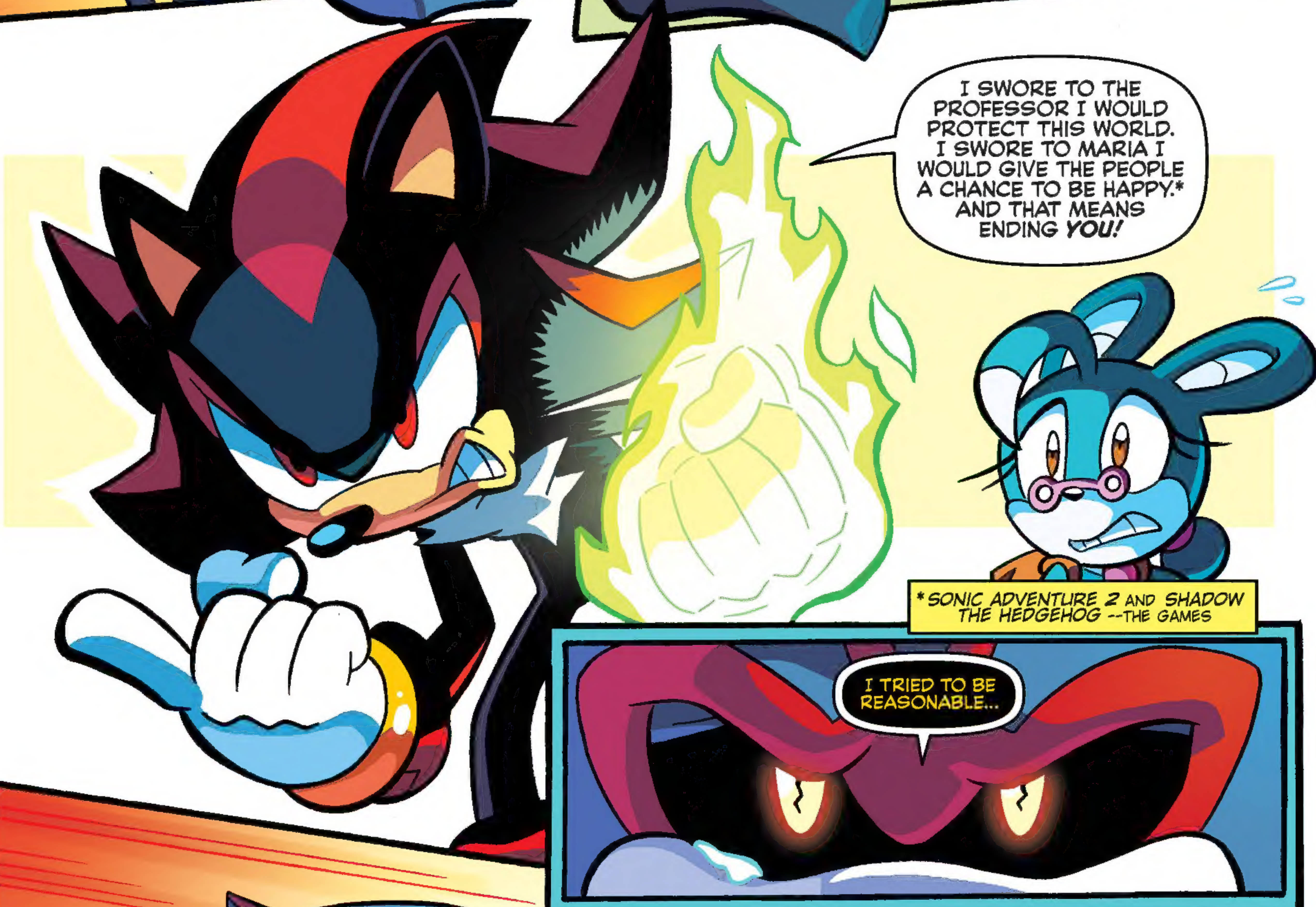
I WAS MADE TO KILL YOU, SHADOW, AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME EVERY REASON TO WANT YOU DEAD.

BUT YOU ARE ALSO THE LAST THING I CAN CALL FAMILY. SO I'M GIVING YOU THIS ONE CHANCE...

...JOIN ME, BROTHER. LET'S HARVEST THE LIFE ON THIS WORLD, RESTART OUR KIND, AND LEAVE THIS BROKEN PLANET TO ROT.



I SWORE TO THE PROFESSOR I WOULD PROTECT THIS WORLD. I SWORE TO MARIA I WOULD GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY.* AND THAT MEANS ENDING YOU!



*SONIC ADVENTURE 2 AND SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG --THE GAMES



I TRIED TO BE REASONABLE...



MEANWHILE, IN THE RED MOUNTAIN ZONE...

THAT DEVICE IS ACTING AGGRESSIVELY. PERMISSION TO FIRE?

NO! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE HAMMER! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE GEARS! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE LAVA!

YOU CAN'T SHOOT ANYTHING!!

THUD

KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA
GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND

DOES THAT THING EVEN DO ANYTHING ANYMORE?

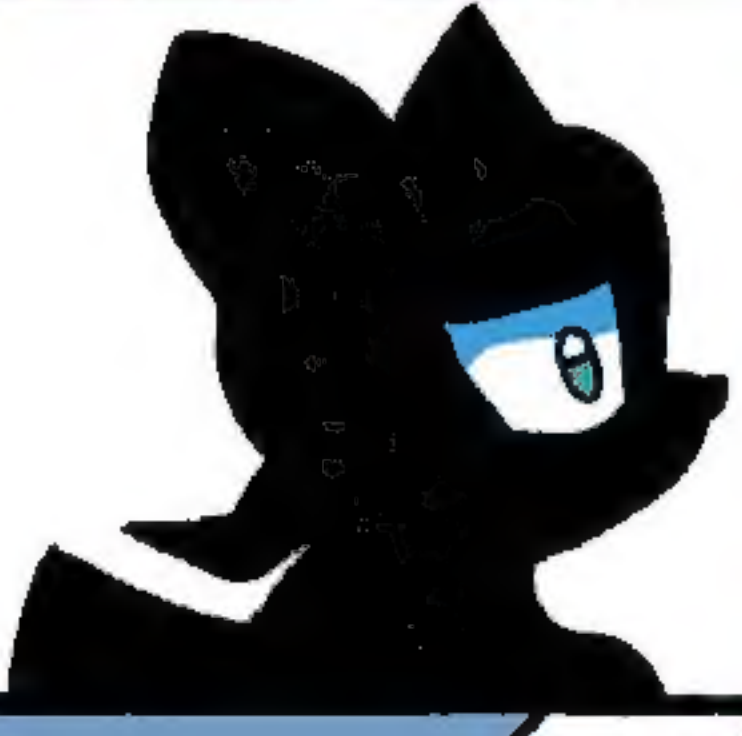
E-123 OMEGA
"REFORMED"
BADNIK

ROUGE the BAT
G.U.N. SPY



SURE IT DOES! IT'S...PART OF THE MINING...STUFF?

FOR WHAT? THE TRADE ROUTES TO ALL THE PLACES THAT DON'T KNOW THIS ISLAND EXISTS?



SORRY. I'M NOT KNOWN FOR MY GENTLE TOUCH.

I JUST HATE THE IDEA OF YOU WASTING ALL YOUR POTENTIAL. YOU'RE UP HERE WATCHING THIS SPIT OF LAND FOR ...WHAT?

HOW DO YOU BENEFIT FROM ANY OF THIS?



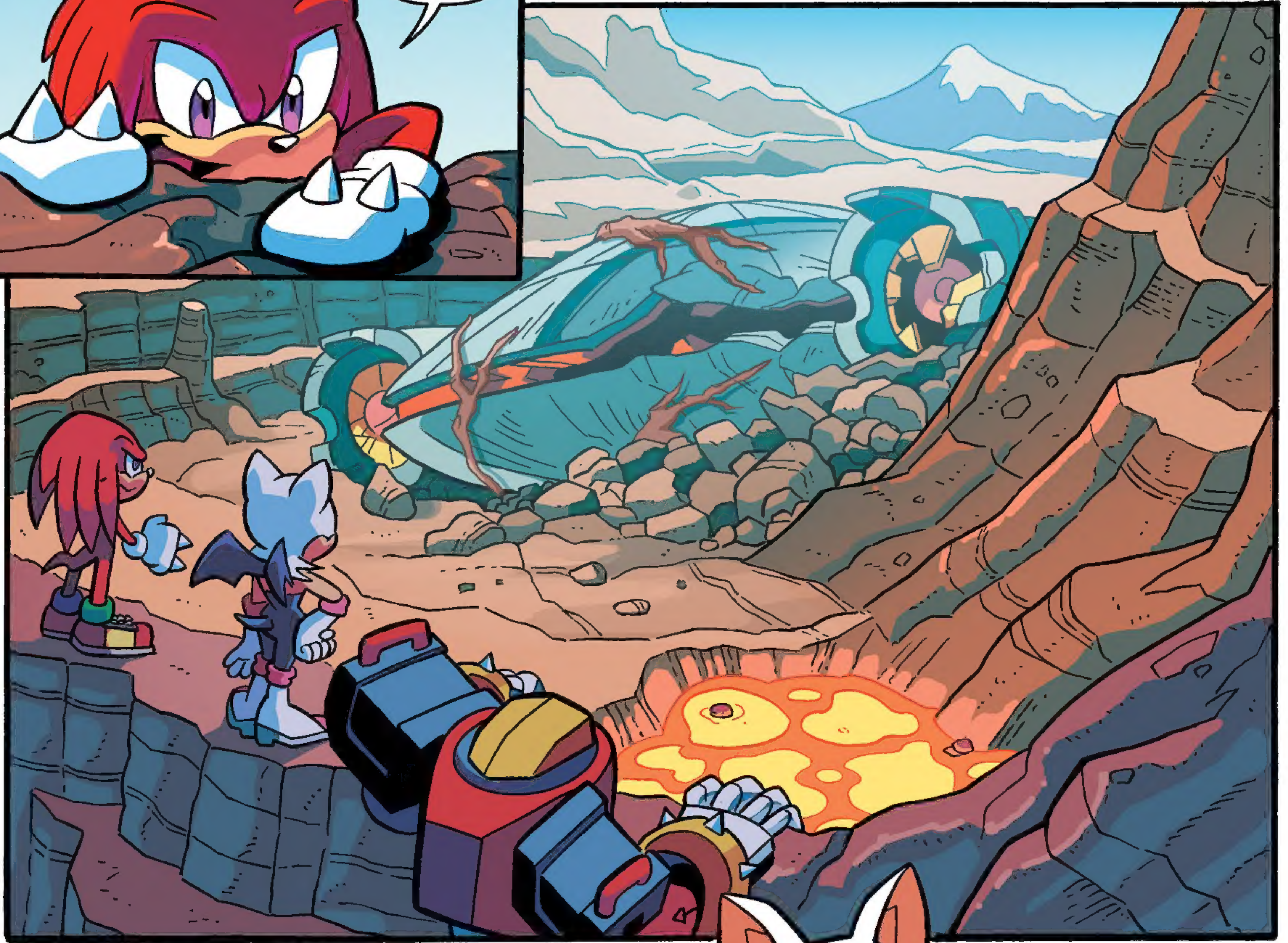
LET'S TRY UP HERE.



IT BENEFITS EVERYONE ELSE. BET THAT NEVER OCCURRED TO YOU, HUH?



Ah-HA!



ALIEN ALLOYS DETECTED. CONFIRMED AS ECLIPSE'S SHUTTLE.

IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM.

WHAT?



I DO MY PART, AND I'VE GOT THE FREEDOM TO DO MY OWN THING. I HAVE MY JOB, BUT IT'S NOT MY LIFE.

ALL YOU DO IS WAIT FOR TROUBLE TO SHOW UP. DON'T YOU WANT MORE FOR YOURSELF?



NOT REALLY.

SO...HOW DO WE GET INSIDE?

I WILL MAKE AN ENTRANCE.

HOLD IT!

ECLIPSE MAY BE IN THERE WAITING TO AMBUSH US.

THEN I WILL "MAKE A DOOR" IN HIM AS WELL.

I'M WITH THE ROBOT FOR ONCE. HIT HIM FAST, HIT HARD!

FINE. WE'VE LOST THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE BY NOW.

THE DARK ARMS
ECLIPSE'S SECRET WEAPONS

MR. OMEGA!
MR. OMEGA!

NOT NOW, FIXIT! I AM ABOUT TO SHOOT A DOOR INTO BEING. YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND.



...YOU ARE CORRECT IN THAT. BUT THE ECLIPSE-ALIEN IS FIGHTING SHADOW! IT IS MOST DREADFULLY SCARY!



ECLIPSE HAS ENGAGED SHADOW AT THE MASTER EMERALD SHRINE!

WHAT?!

I DON'T CARE HOW TOUGH YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T HANDLE ECLIPSE ALONE. AND NEITHER CAN SHADOW. WE'LL SEE. C'MON--

I KNEW I SHOULD'VE STAYED!

--IT'S A WHOLE LOT FASTER GOING DOWN!



SO MUCH FOR THE "ULTIMATE ALIEN"!!



ROARGH!!



POWER-UP:
MONSTER FORM



READY TO DIE, SHADOW?

OMEGA WARNED ME OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION. I'M NOT IMPRESSED.



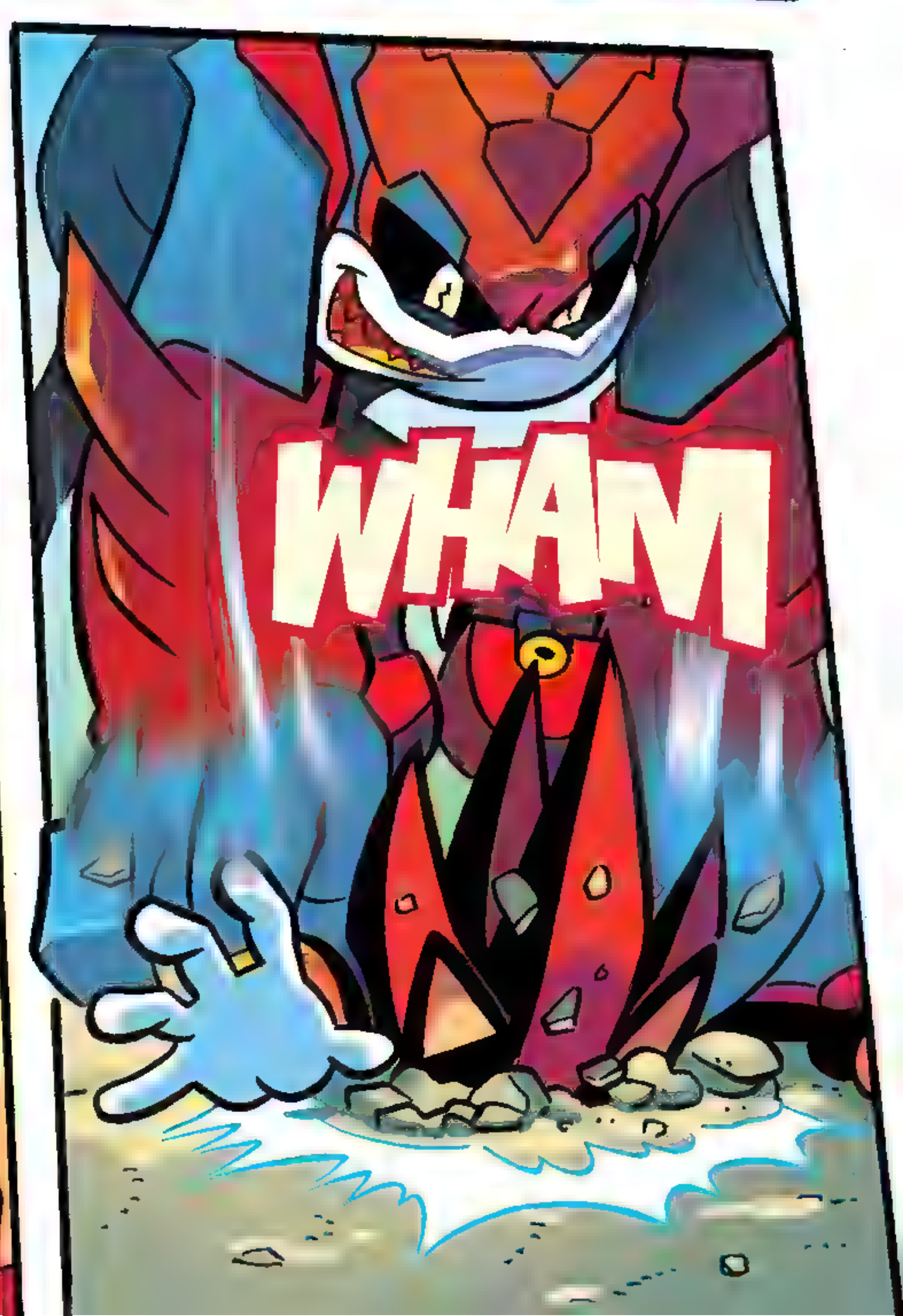
WELL, ONE OF US IS. I WONDER...



CHAOS--



--CONTROL?!

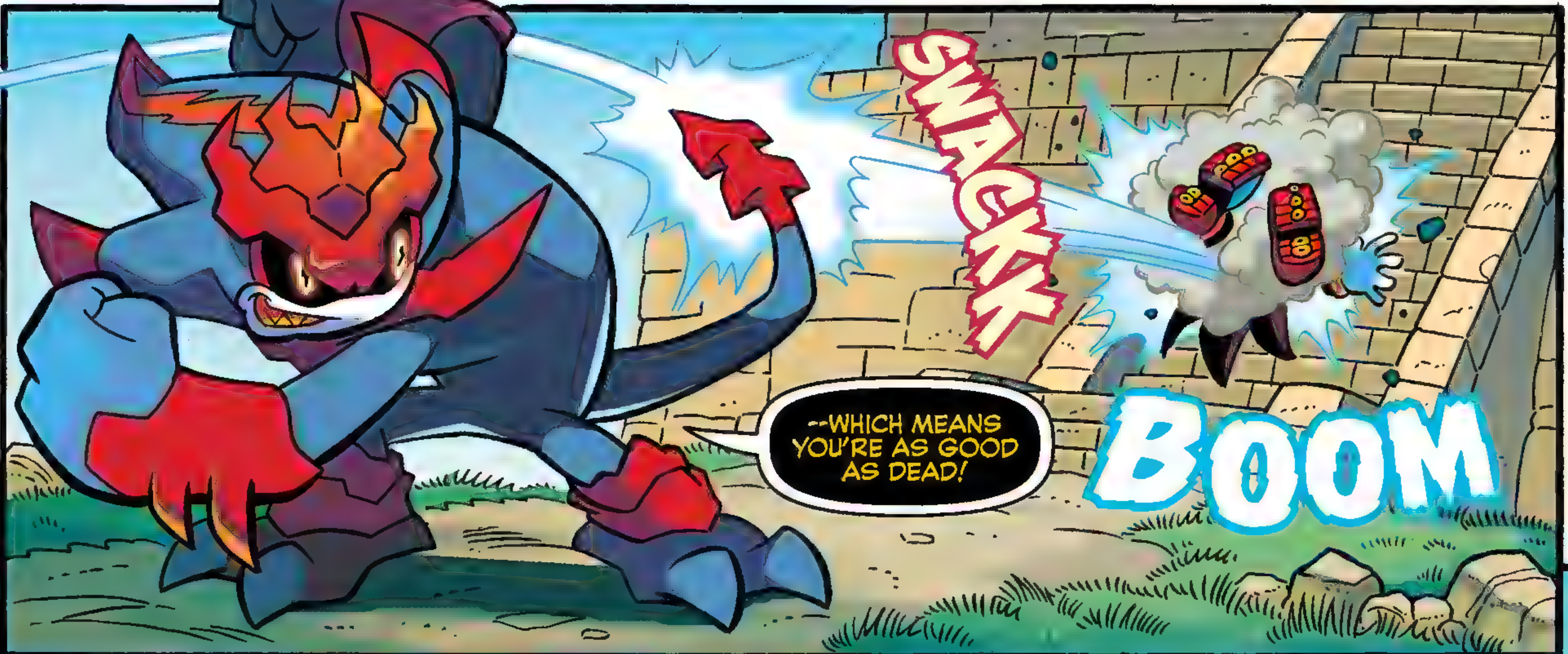




IT WASN'T THE NEW BLACK COMET BLOCKING YOUR ABILITIES, BROTHER. I WAS DESIGNED TO COUNTER YOU, REMEMBER?



I LIMIT YOUR MOVEMENT AND CLOUD YOUR MIND. THIS FORM GIVES ME TEN TIMES YOUR STRENGTH--



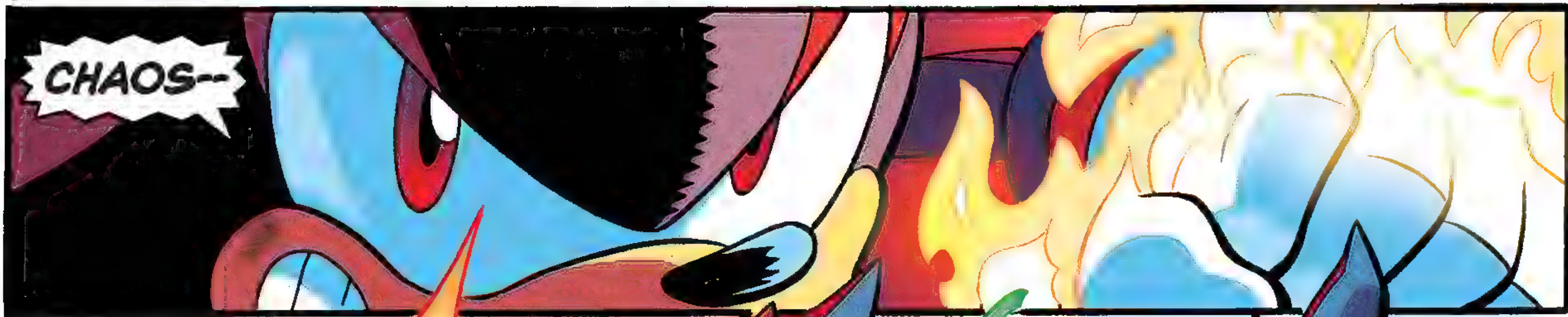
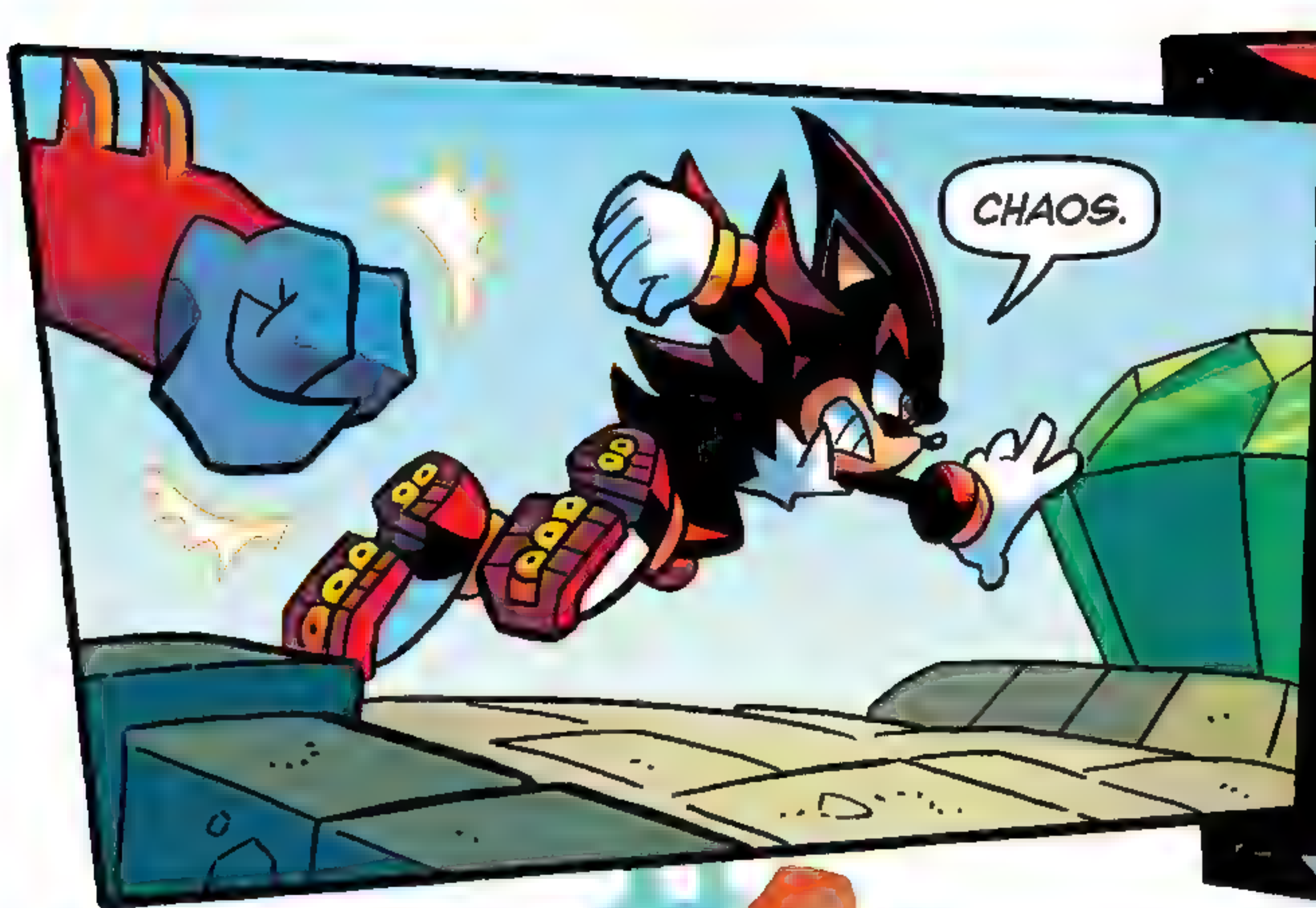
--WHICH MEANS YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!

BOOM



THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK HOME! NO MERCY, JUST MASSACRE!

ANY LAST WORDS?





THUD



GRACIOUS!
ARE YOU QUITE
ALRIGHT?

SHADOW!
REPORT!

EXCELLENT
DISTANCE,
SIR! I CANNOT
SEE IT FROM
HERE.

THAT... WAS THE
FIRST TIME I'VE USED
THE MASTER EMERALD'S
POWER. I WAS ABLE TO
OVERWHELM HIS
BLOCKING FIELD...

IT WAS...
IMPRESSIVE.

CRACKLE



NOW...
TO FINISH--
HRRGH!

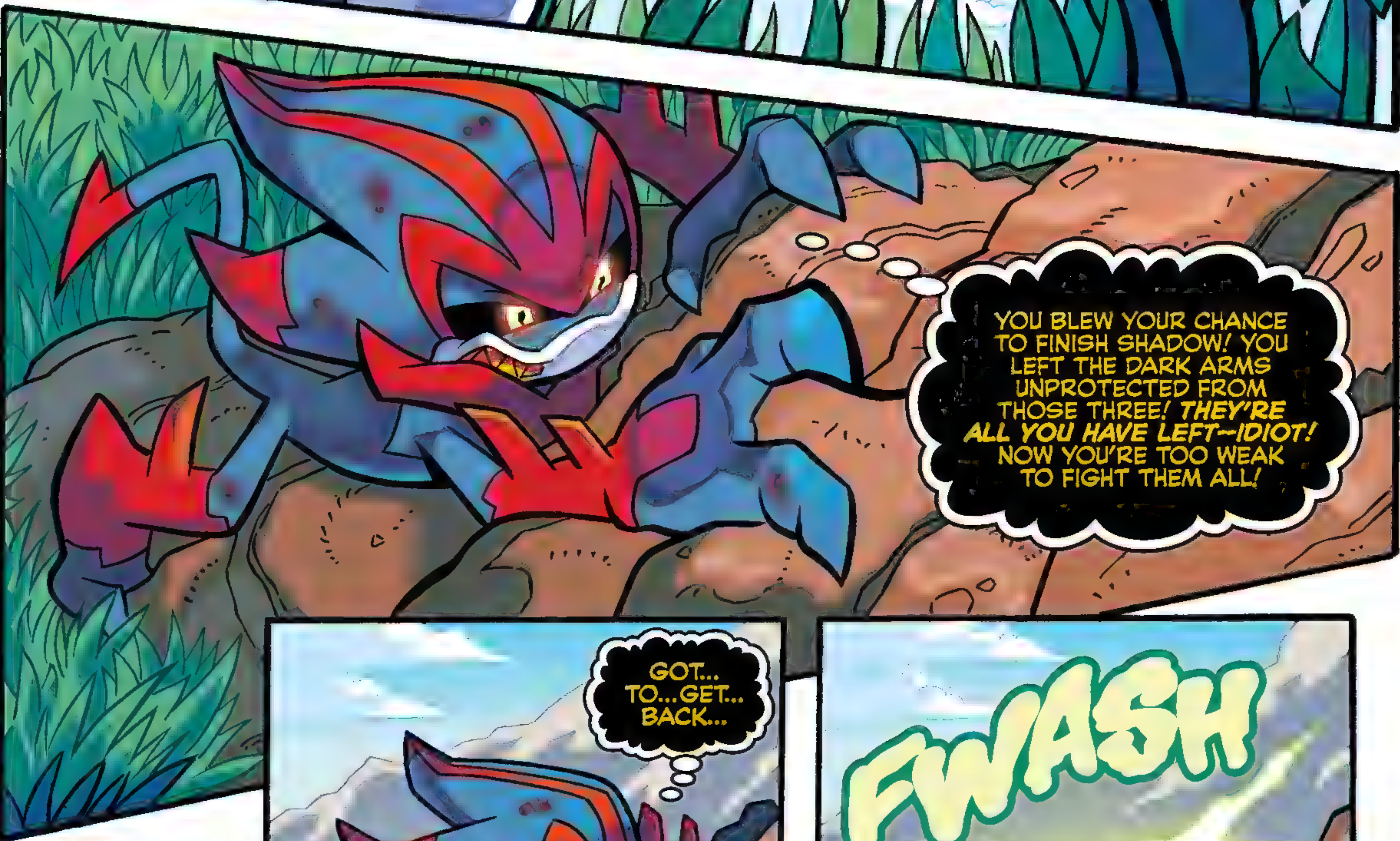
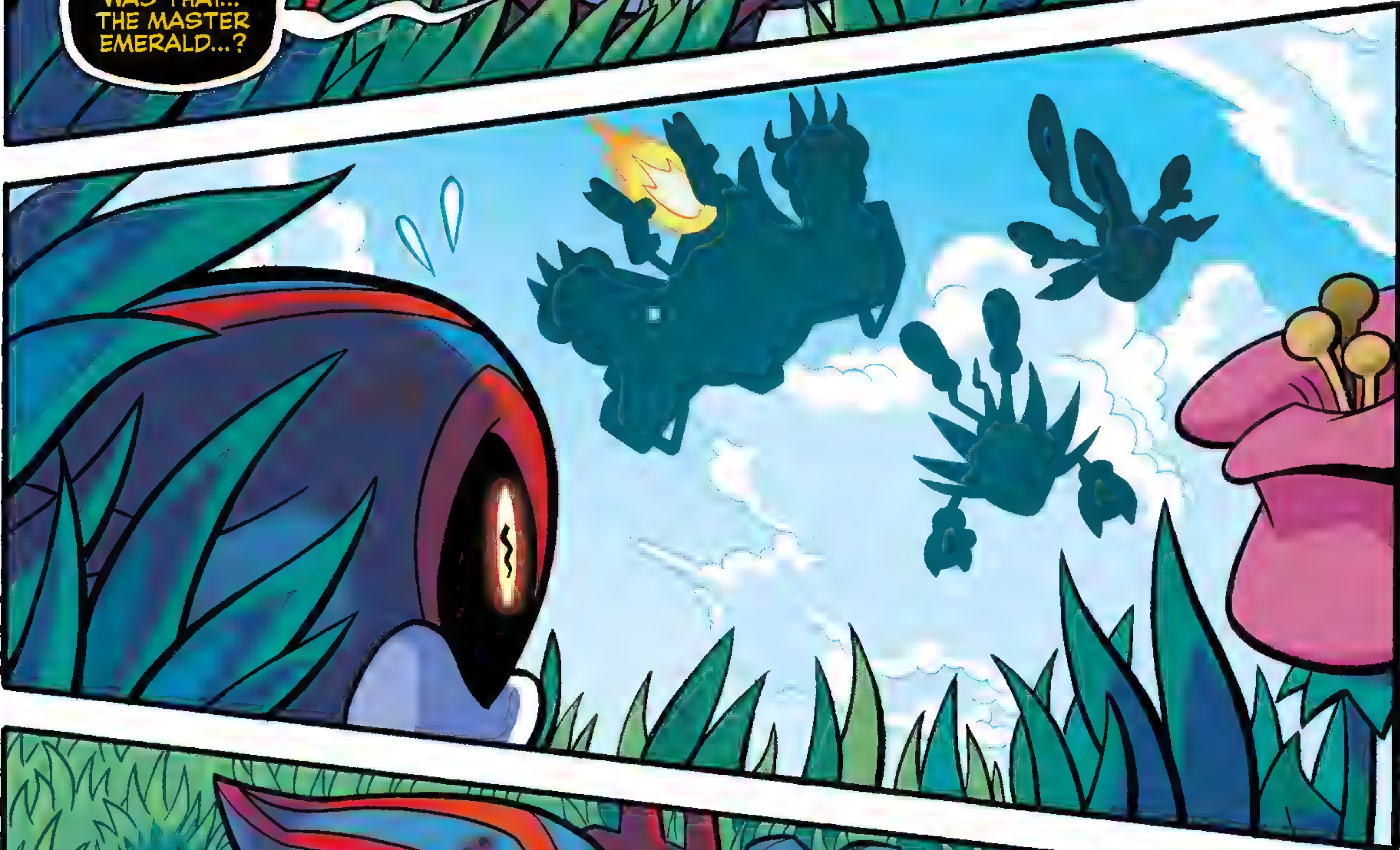


HOLD ON
THERE! WAIT
FOR THE
OTHERS TO
GET HERE
AND HELP!





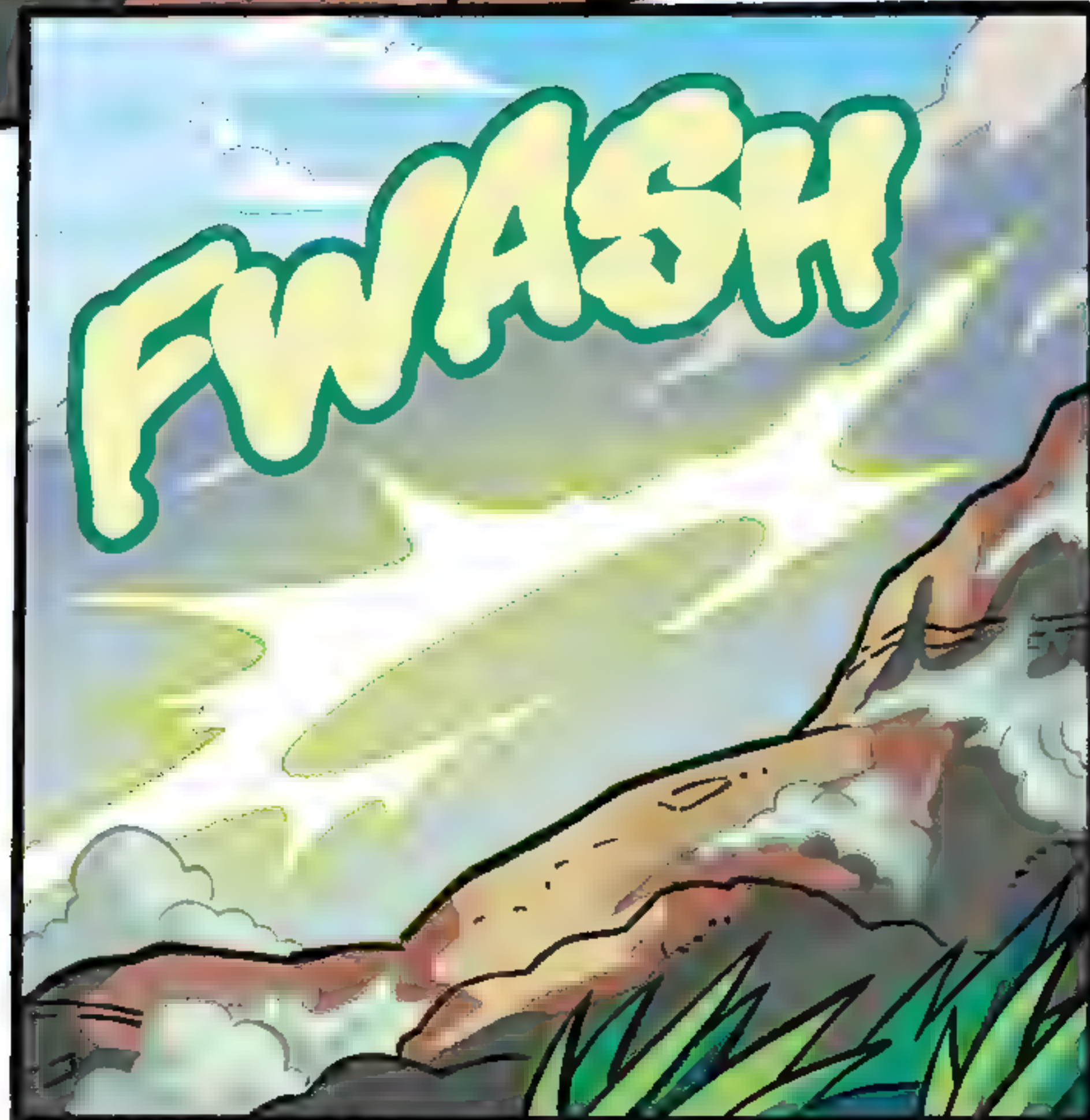
WHAT...WHAT WAS THAT? WAS THAT... THE MASTER EMERALD...?



YOU BLEW YOUR CHANCE TO FINISH SHADOW! YOU LEFT THE DARK ARMS UNPROTECTED FROM THOSE THREE! **THEY'RE ALL YOU HAVE LEFT--IDIOT!** NOW YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO FIGHT THEM ALL!



GOT... TO...GET... BACK...



FWASH



SHADOW!
I TOLD
YOU--!

I'M FINE.
JUST... RE-
COVERING.



DID THE ALIEN
GET TO YOU?!
ARE YOU HURT?!

N-NO. SHADOW
GAVE IT HIS ALL
TO PROTECT US.

I AM UN-
HARMED AS
WELL, SIR!



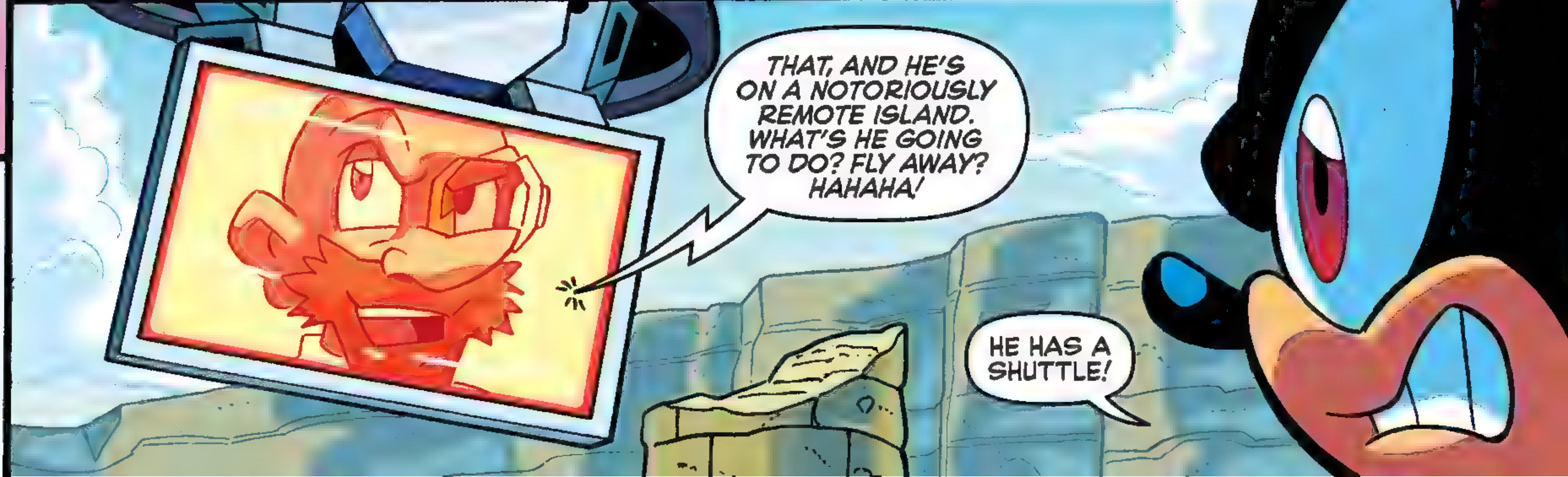
QUERY:
WHERE IS
ECLIPSE
NOW? I
DO NOT
DETECT
HIM.

WHAT?!



WE
HAVE
TO--!

HOLD IT!
YOU'RE IN NO
SHAPE TO FIGHT.
IF HE'S IN JUST
AS BAD A SHAPE,
HE WON'T BE
GETTING
FAR.



THAT, AND HE'S
ON A NOTORIOUSLY
REMOTE ISLAND.
WHAT'S HE GOING
TO DO? FLY AWAY?
HAAAA!

HE HAS A
SHUTTLE!





IF YOU THINK--!

EASY, KNUX! GIVE ME A SECOND!



AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO HAVE THAT GEM, THAT MEANS THE ISLAND WILL FALL--WITH KNUCKLES AND RELIC ON IT.

THE ISLAND WILL LIKELY FLOAT LIKE THE REST OF THE PLANET'S CRUST, AND WE'LL BRING THOSE TWO ALONG WITH US.

ONE ISLAND ISN'T AS IMPORTANT AS KEEPING THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER FROM ECLIPSE.



YES! I COULDN'T HAVE PUT IT BETTER MYSELF!

I AGREE WITH SHADOW.

AM I ALLOWED A VOTE?

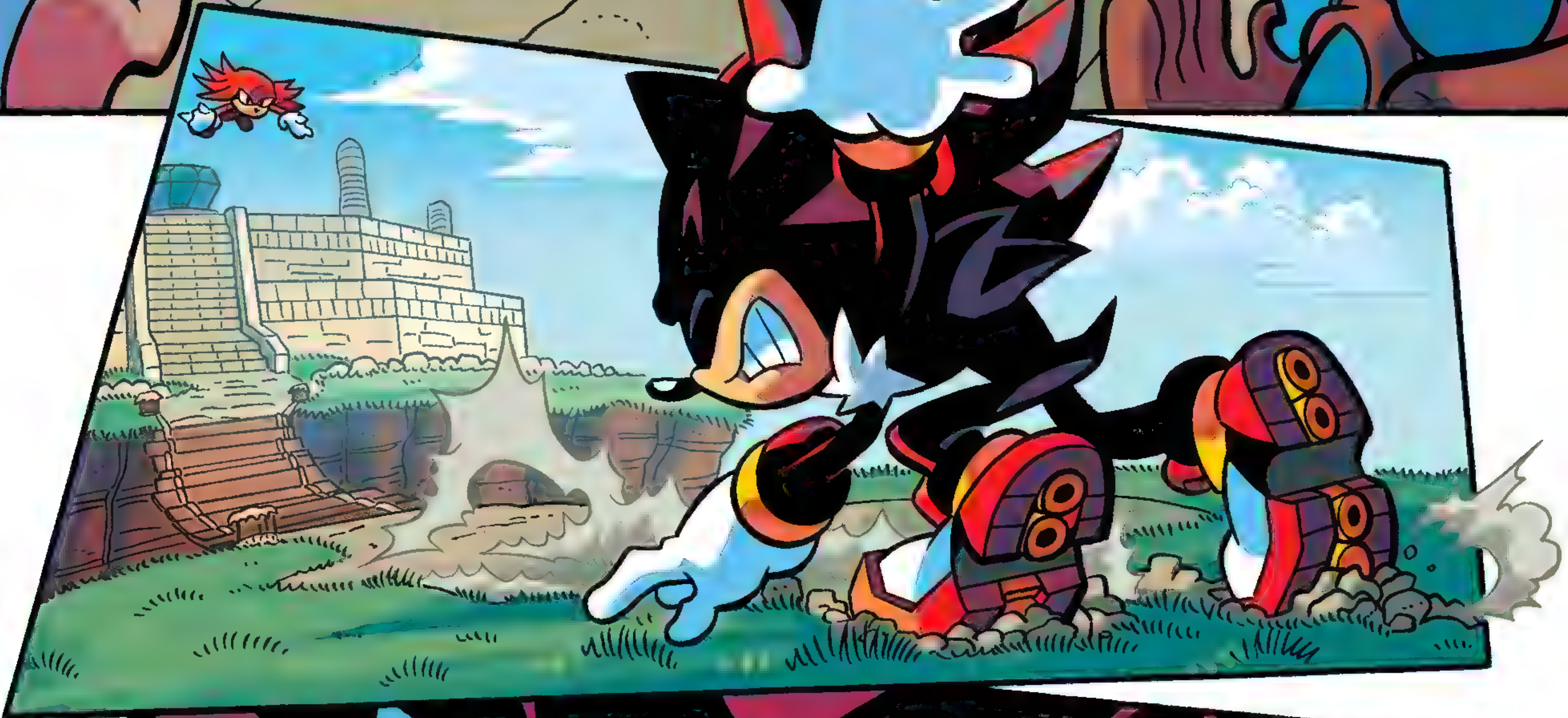
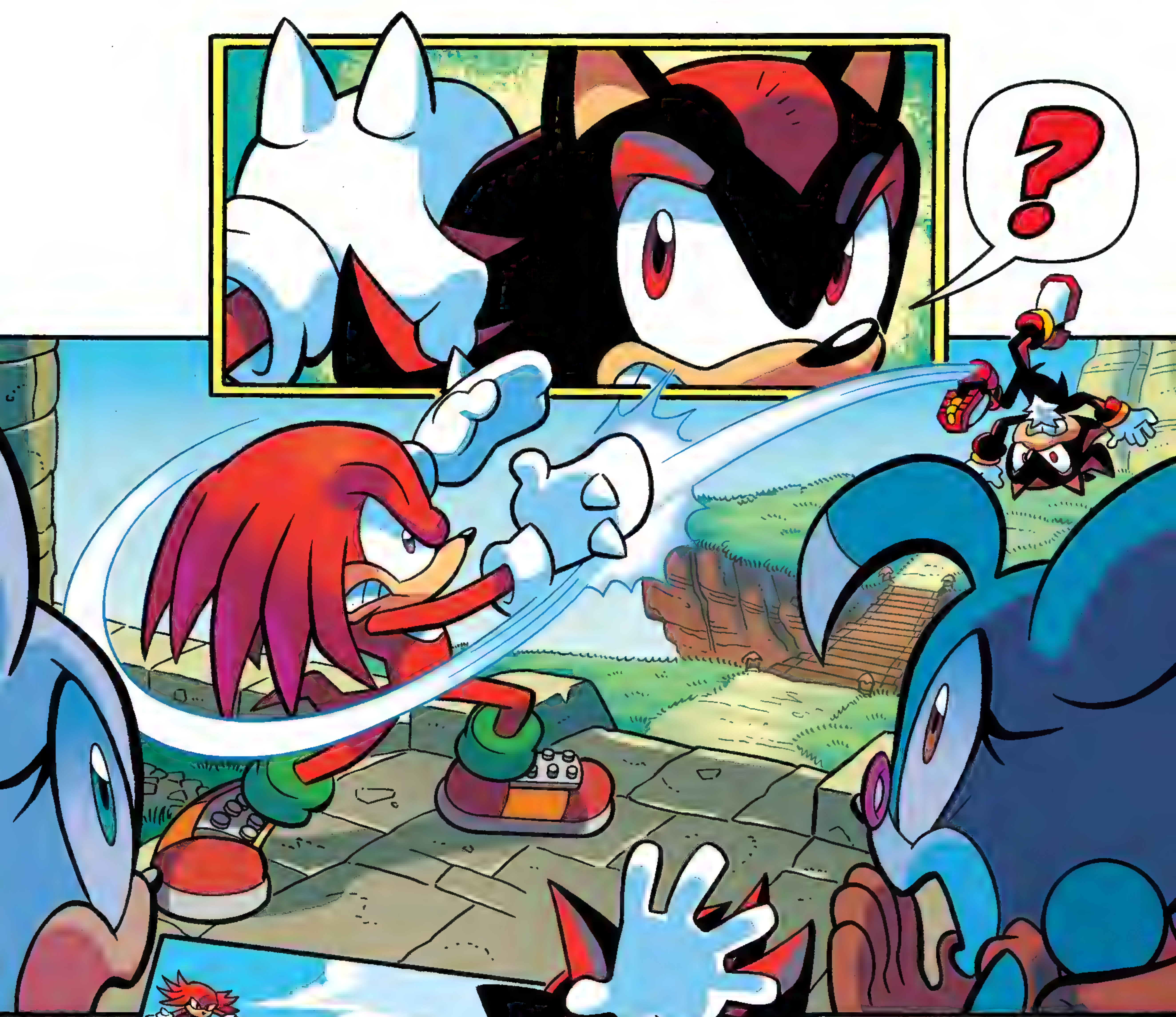


YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THERE ARE COUNTLESS WONDERS HERE! UNIQUE BIOLOGY--ARCHITECTURE --GEOGRAPHY!

SIMMER DOWN, HONEY. SHADOW'S RIGHT, AND YOU KNOW IT.

THIS IS NOT OPEN FOR DEBATE.

ROUGE, GET THEM TO OUR AIRCRAFT. I WILL USE CHAOS CONTROL TO MOVE THE MASTER EMERALD DIRECTLY TO--



THE MASTER
EMERALD
STAYS!

YOU
GO!

THE TIME FOR TALK IS **OVER!**

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HEY, KIDS!

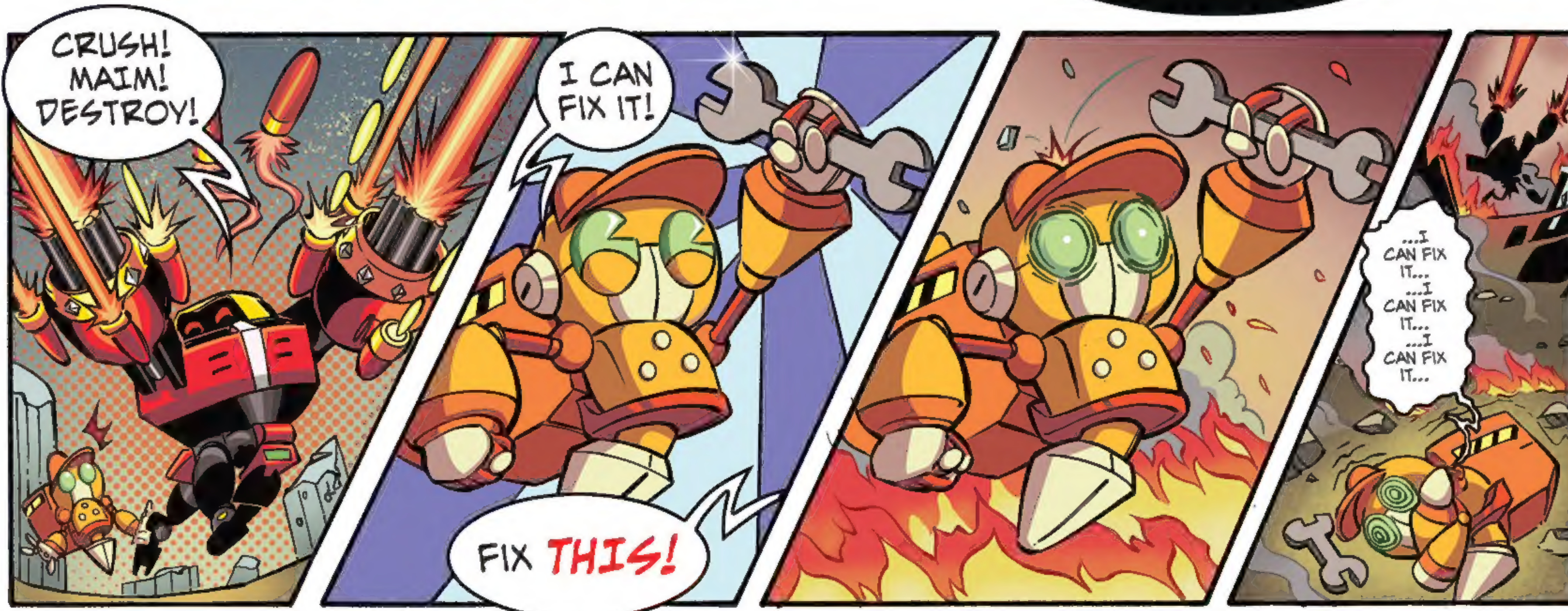
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

This is my first time writing in!

Welcome to the letters page!

Shadow is my favorite! I'm glad to see he has gotten his own arc!

There ya go, Shadow! That ought to cheer you up from last month!

Finally some recognition! You have my thanks.

Can I be Shadow's 1.2 fan?

Of course you can!

I have a few questions if you don't mind.

Thou shall haveth the usual!

1. Is Shadow really part alien?

It's true! Shadow was mainly created by Dr. Eggman's grandfather, Prof. Gerald Robotnik, but the leader of the Black Arms, Black Doom, also contributed to Shadow's creation. For the full scoop check out the "Sonic Adventure 2" and "Shadow the Hedgehog" video games!

2. When did Shadow first show

up in Sonic Universe?

Shadow's first Sonic Universe appearance was in Sonic Universe #1, available now for digital download!

3. Has Shadow ever seen Espio before?

Shadow has crossed paths with Espio in both the "Sonic Heroes" and "Shadow the Hedgehog" video games!

Well, that's all for now! Gotta juice!

PS: Tell Tracy Yardley and Steve Downer they rock!

Braedon O. from Georgia

Thanks for the letter, Braedon! I will pass on the good word!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi. I have some questions to ask.

The usual... FOR YOU!

How do the animals and humans interact in the Sonic world?

For the most part the animals and humans get along fine in Sonic's world. For example, Shadow's Team Dark cooperates with the G.U.N. forces to protect

the world. On the other hand there is Dr. Eggman who would like nothing more than to turn every living being into his robotic slave. You know how it is.

Will we be seeing Silver anymore? And plus, how is Silver's world? Better or bad again?

We'll check in with Silver soon! Hang tight!

When will we be seeing anymore chaos control powers from Shadow? I haven't seen a lot of that recently.

He displayed his powers this very issue! Hope you enjoyed it!

I really like the Off Panel in issue SU #66.

We're still fixing things! Mighty really did a number on our building!

Stay awesome!

**Chris V. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

Thanks for writing to us, Chris!

See y'all next month for Knuckles and Shadow's epic brawl for the Master Emerald in "Total Eclipse" part three!

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